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Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

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"The dispatchese thrown to me by Unziar."

"That case is mine; it contains my private instructions; you can guess something of their importance from the fact that I have been robbed of them. You must give them back to me! As an Yangishman and an honest man, it call upon you to give them back to me."

Rallywood's long nervous fingers closed over the packet.

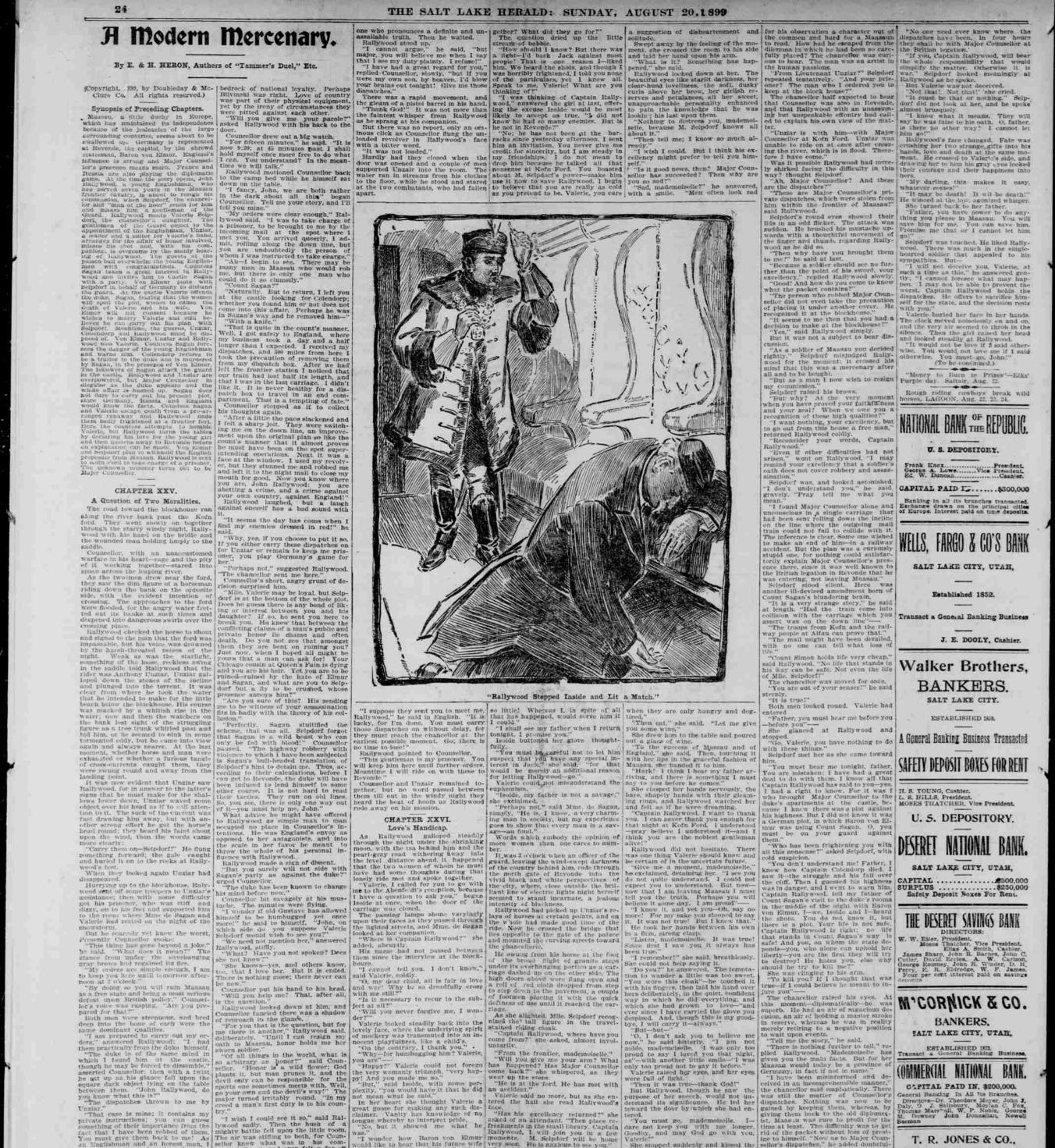
"It is imporzible!" he said. "As an Englishman, yes, but as an honest man, well, it—it is hard to say."

"Are you mad?" cried Counsellor.
"It have not had long to think it out, and it is a tangied question," replied Rallywood wearly.
"A tangled question? I take it you are first of all an Englishman."
"In my private capacity, and that deals with my private honer; but have undertaken another responsibility from which I cannot withdraw at pleasure. I am a sworn soldier of Maassu, and as such my public honor has first claim."

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"There—" said Counsellor.
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"There—" said Counsellor, or Confound you?" Counsellor fell back a step or two, breathing hard. There are some situations which by their elemental force destroy all other emprons.

The situation at Kol'n guardhouse was one of these. The point at issue between these two men pierced to the



Valerie was startled.

"Baron von Elmur!" she reneated.

"O, you quite mistake the matter. The ilisteding has nothing to do whatever with you or with me. The count and baron went seemed, sally.

Valerie opened the door softly. She opened to admit M. Seipdorf, who remove you can be seen you this at the opened to admit M. Seipdorf, who remove you can be seen you this grounds. Everything appears to intersement nowadays but ourselves!" she ended, sally.

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"Well, yes, it has something to do with it. You remember that last night at the castle? I conclude it was Jack who spelied their plans when Simon and the baron went to the duke's apartments."

"The count and Baron von Elmur to-

"But as a man't howers my commission."

Selpdorf raised his brown.

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But why? At the very moment when you have proved your faithfulness and your zeal? When we owe you a recognition of these high qualities?"

'I want nothing, your excellency, but to go out from this house a free man," returned Railywood coldity.

"Reconsider your words, Captain Railywood."

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Rallywood."
"Even if other difficulties had not risen." Went on Rallywood. "I may remind your excellency that a soldier's outh does not cover robbery and assassination."

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His glance at Rallywood held a large reproach.

But, father, in honesty and justice."
It is a case of private justice as opposed to national nevessity. If Captain Rallywood bad sacrificed his publito his private honor. If he had chosen typeter his country's cause to his oatl of fealty"

Rallywood understood.
"No one lows I am here," he said.
"Ab, true!"

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